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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application.

**Summary of Interview** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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### SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on February 14, 2005.

#### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

No exhibits or demonstrations were presented.

#### Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 9, 18, and 27-30 were discussed.

#### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,398,245 to Gruse, et al., and U.S. Patent No. 6,226,618 to Downs, et al. were discussed.

#### Proposed Amendments

No amendments were proposed.

#### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant's representative discussed the method of encryption recited in the claims. For example, one embodiment is shown in Applicant's Figures 4A-C. Applicant noted that features of the encryption process are not discussed in either Gruse or Downs.

#### Results of Interview

The Examiner stated that the claims were successfully distinguished from the Gruse and Downs references and that the next action would be either a Notice of Allowance or a non-final Office Action.